

CHANNEL ISLANDS NATIONAL MARINE SANCTUARY

**Fall 2008 Sanctuary Advisory Council Recruitment  
for representatives of  
Open Seats**

The National Marine Sanctuary Program regards the involvement of communities and the development of a stewardship ethic as vitally important to successfully conserve sanctuary resources. An important way to achieve this involvement is through the operation of a Sanctuary Advisory Council. Advisory council members serve as ambassadors between the sanctuary staff and the various communities and users adjacent to its boundary. They actively engage their constituencies and work with the Sanctuary staff to resolve issues and concerns. As such, we are looking for highly motivated people who are able and willing to volunteer their time to help us reach out and work constructively with the diverse interests, users and communities that have a stake in the resources of the Sanctuary.

General Commitment/Expectations:

- 1) Sanctuary Advisory Council members serve two-year terms as volunteers to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) and are not paid. If necessary, travel expenses to and from meeting locations may be reimbursed on a very limited basis.
- 2) Both members and Alternates are expected to attend regularly scheduled advisory council meetings. Meetings are typically scheduled every other month (January, March, May, July, September, November), and usually last from 4 to 8 hours during the day on weekdays. Occasional evening sessions and additional meetings may also be scheduled. Meetings are held in Santa Barbara and Ventura Counties. The 2009 meeting dates are scheduled for, but subject to change:
  - Friday January 23, 2009 (Santa Barbara)
  - Friday March 20, 2009 (Ventura)
  - Friday May 15, 2009 (Santa Barbara)
  - Friday July 17, 2009 (Ventura)
  - Friday September 18, 2009 (Santa Barbara)
  - Friday November 20, 2009 (Ventura)
- 3) Sanctuary Advisory Council members are expected to actively reach out and communicate to the various constituencies and groups they represent within and adjacent to the Sanctuary. This includes communicating Sanctuary issues and policies to constituents and bringing issues and concerns to the attention of the advisory council and the Sanctuary.
- 4) Attend and participate in Working Group and Subcommittee meetings, as necessary, to gain additional knowledge and discuss specific issues important to their constituencies.

### Specific Requirements for Open Seats:

#### **Commercial Fishing** (member and alternate)

- Knowledge of and/or experience with commercial fishing within the Sanctuary region
- Knowledge of and/or experience with various commercial fishing activities, organizations and businesses in the Sanctuary region
- Knowledge of laws, policies and practices affecting commercial fishing within the Sanctuary
- Ability and willingness to communicate effectively and build agreements with key representatives from local commercial fishing communities
- Commitment and availability of time to serve as Chair of the Advisory Council's Commercial Fishing Working Group.

#### **Business** (member and alternate):

- Familiarity and affiliation with the local businesses in communities near to the sanctuary;
- Understanding of the links between local businesses, sanctuary resources, and human activities;
- Ability and willingness to communicate with key representatives from ocean-dependent and ocean-associated businesses.